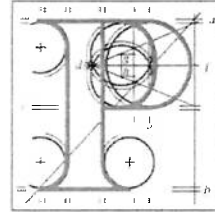


Our Case Number: ABP-320164-24



**An
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Pleanála**

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Date: 17 September 2024

Re: DART + Coastal North Railway Order 2024 - Northern Line between Dublin City Centre and Drogheda including the Howth Branch
Dublin City Centre and Drogheda, located in counties Dublin, Meath and Louth

Dear Sir / Madam,

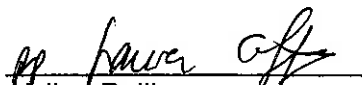
An Bord Pleanála has received your recent letter in relation to the above mentioned case. The contents of your letter have been noted. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Board's website: www.pleanala.ie.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board at laps@pleanala.ie

Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,


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Paul & Tracey laley

On behalf of the named above, we wish to voice our serious objection to the potential loss of the direct dart service from Howth to greystones .

The direct access to public transport was one of the key factors involved in use choosing to buy our houses in this area as we can travel quickly & safely into the city to work or shop. Not having a direct line will impact on the value of our houses.

Loss of the direct line will result in more cars on the road & gridlock in the area. There is a huge apartment block being built in Howth at the moment . If they have no direct dart service to the city they will drive causing massive grid lock & defeating the purpose of getting more people on public transport.

The barriers coming down more often at the level crossings in Baldoyle will result in gridlock , emergency services will be delayed with serious repercussions to vulnerable people.

The train station at Howth junction is unfit for purpose. There is too many stairs & the lift is constantly out of order . Older people & anyone with an impairment or a person with young children cannot navigate these stairs. This will render a lot of older people housebound .

Potential job losses as people will have to allow extra time to take 2 trains to & from work. Anyone with children in childcare will have to reorganise times to allow for extra time to catch trains adding extra stress to daily life.

Also the added stress of trying to get onto the busy trains never mind trying to get a seat . City centre trade will suffer as people will be less inclined to take 2 trains to travel into town.

Students will have extra stress not only getting two trains to & from school but also from the antisocial behaviour associated with Howth junction train station . We all are aware of the young person that was pushed under a train a while back.

Most college students have to take a train & a bus to get to college. Now they will have to take 2 trains & a bus. They will have to allow more time each morning adding a lot of unnecessary stress to what should be the best years of their lives.

Children & women will be vulnerable whilst left waiting on trains from Howth junction. It will not be safe .

We hope that you take all of our points on board & await your reply

On behalf of the neighbours
Kind regards
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